

## Docket Management

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<b>Comments for FDA General</b>			
<b>Questions</b>			
<b>1. General Comments</b>		<p>I am a 63 year old female , who had a spinal injury in 02/19/1979.I was thrown from a fork lift up in the air about 8 foot came down &amp; hit on my tail bone on a concrete floor . Needles to say its been all down hill since then . I have had 13 major spinal operations trying to keep spine from collasping.I have been fused from the neck down to tail bone . With titaum plates ,screws , &amp; rods put in the spine . Now my veterbas are fractureing . So far I have had 5 veterba fracture &amp; 1 rib.I also have Rsd. Fibromayliga. Arachnoiditis,Arthritis ,3 or 4 kind . I am now in a wheel chair ,can manage to walk for a short distance but its not far, without the pain cutting me in half or seems that way . Can not manage to do some of my most private things for my body . Its a shame that you want to cut our meds. I mean, do I not suffer enough ? I do not take the meds. for a high just to try &amp; keep the pain under as much control as possible &amp; then I still hurt some , lots at times . But it better than haveing nothing . I have a implanted morphine pump . Which now has Dilaudid in it , as the morphine kept me so nausea's that I threw up for the 2 &amp; one half years I had the morphine in the pump. Now at least with Dilaudid I am not as sick to my tummy &amp; can enjoy my food again .I do not have to take phenergan like i used to do !!!I just wish that one of you could be in my shoes for one day , well shoes I can not wear any more because I swell so badly , but house slippers .And oh yes , how i wish we had a insurane that would pay more on our meds. Meds are really putting a strain on our buject. How does yall's insurance pay on meds. Better than ours I would bet !! So please think long &amp; hard about restricting pain meds. for us poor souls who need them so badly . I am so blessed to have a great pain medicine DR. who listens to me &amp; says hey we might can help with the pain. I went for so many years with TYlonalwith codene as my only pain medicine as my ( DR.) was to scared to give me stronger meds, as he could lose his licenes over it &amp; that I can undersatnd. But thank God for pain management DRs. They have been a God send to me . And yes i know i am adicctied to Dilaudid by now . But so what at least I do have a life now , as opposed to before morphine or Dilaudid . I now enjoy my hubby , who by the way has stuck tighter</p>	

than glue to me since my injury . We will celebrate 50 years together this 12/26/2002 .MY Chirlden & Grand chirlden . I am now at the very least liveing a part way life again , thanks to my pain management DR.So please consider us chronic pain people who need this medicine . Figgure out a way to keep the meds. for us chronic pain people & off the streets. Please in the name of one who feels she has suffered enough in this life time . HELP US . I PRAY YOU WILL DO THE RIGHT THING !!

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